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Prepared By: Lori Rice *LR* Agenda Item No. I-1
 Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *MA* Finance *JC* Other _____

DATE: March 9, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: Michael Henderson, General Services Superintendent *[Signature]*
City Manager's Department

SUBJECT: Urban Greening Grant

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the grant contract to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Urban Greening Grant for Sustainable Communities Program in the amount of \$1,000,000 for tree planting in the downtown core area, and certifying that the City will have sufficient funds to maintain the project area to be paid for with these grant funds.
2. Authorize the City Manager to appropriate grant funds upon award of grant.

DISCUSSION

The Urban Greening Grant is a competitive State grant that is now open for submittals until April 30, 2010. Up to \$15.1 million is available for approved projects, and only cities, counties and nonprofits are eligible to apply. There are no match requirements.

Because of the built-out nature of California's urban areas, the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program provides funds to preserve, enhance, increase or establish community green areas such as urban forests. Their goal is for these greening projects to incrementally create more viable and sustainable communities throughout the State. If approved, these funds will be utilized to complete the final portion of the Downtown Street Tree Master Plan tree planting.

The Downtown Street Trees Project for the Strategic Growth Council Urban Greening Grant includes the planting of approximately 90 trees in the Downtown area of the City. The grant funding will enable the City to complete tree planting as specified in the Downtown Master Street Tree Plan. Trees will be

planted along 6th, 7th and 8th Streets between C Street and Oxnard Blvd.; along A Street between 8th and 9th Streets and along B Street between 6th and 7th Streets and 8th and 9th Streets.

The Master Plan delineates species for each street and parking lot in the Downtown and provides a cohesive and consistent plan for planting, replacement and maintenance of street trees. This project will expand the healthy urban forest in the downtown. Healthy trees enhance the aesthetics of the public realm in the Downtown and contribute to its economic and cultural stability by attracting visitors, businesses and new residents to a community. Environmental benefits include enhanced air quality, carbon sequestering, energy conservation through shade and wind protection, reduction of storm water runoff and erosion and noise attenuation.

The attached resolution is necessary to support the application.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This grant application does not require matching funds. However, the City must certify that sufficient funds are available to operate and maintain the trees. A potential source of funding is the ½ cent sales tax increase approved by Measure “O”. The annual maintenance cost is \$12,000.

LR/lr

Attachment #1 - Resolution

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN
GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER,
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL
PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves as follows:

1. The City Council approves the filing of an application for the Downtown Street Tree Master Plan Tree Planting; and
2. Certifies that said applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
5. Delegates the authority to the City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the for the completion of the aforementioned project(s); and
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

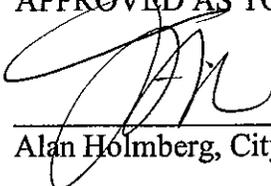
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 for

Alan Holmberg, City Attorney
3.29.10

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